

# Dikaka language

**Dikaka** or **Cham**, is one of the Savanna languages of Eastern Nigeria. It is also known as **Dijim–Bwilim**, after its two dialects, Dijim and Bwilim. A tonal language, it has a whistled register.

## Dialects

The two dialects are Dijim and Bwilim.<sup>[3]</sup>

- **Dijim** [dijím], spoken in and around Kindiyo (currently Cham town)
- **Bwilim** [bwilím], spoken in and around Mɔna (Mwona, Mwana)

Another related dialect is spoken by former speakers of the Jalaa language in and around Loojaa settlement.

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<b>Dikaka</b>	
Cham	
<i>Dijim-Bwilim</i>	
<b>Native to</b>	Eastern Nigeria
<b>Native speakers</b>	25,000 (1998) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Atlantic–Congo</li> <li>▪ Waja–Kam</li> <li>▪ Waja</li> <li>▪ Cham–Mona</li> <li>▪ <b>Dikaka</b></li> </ul>
<b>Dialects</b>	Dijim (Cham, Cam) Bwilim (Mwana, Mona)
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	cfa
<b>Glottolog</b>	diji1241 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/diji1241">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/diji1241</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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